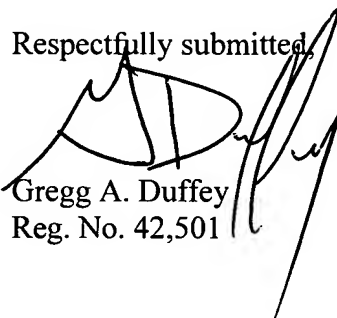


## II. REMARKS

In Response to the Communication of February 26, 2004, Assignee has re-submitted claims of the Preliminary Amendments of the November 18, 2003, but including the status identifier "(original)" for claims 35 and 36, as requested.

The Assignee invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned by phone (713-787-1478) with any questions or concerns relating to this preliminary amendment or this application.

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